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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: EXPULSION OF SLOZHENIT*YN FROM USSR

1. YUGOSLAV MEDIA FEB 14 CARRY NEWS REPORTS OF SOLZHENITSYN
EXPULSION FROM USSR WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENTARY, HOWEVER,
SIGNIFICANT COVERAGE OF WORLD REACTION CARRIED IN "RED" TANJUG
BULLETIN.

2. BELGRADE DAILY POLITIKA'S MOSCOW CORR BAJALSKI REPORTS (P.4)
THAT EXPULSION OF SOVIET DISSIDENT AUTHOR IS NO DOUBT DUE TO
GREAT ANTI-SOVIET PUBLICITY IN WEST FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF
"GULAG." BAJALSKI BRIEFLY NOTES THAT "SOLUTION HAS BEEN
FOUND BY WHICH SOVIET SIDE ENDS 'SOLZHENITSYN CASE'."

3. LJUBLJANA'S DELO FEB 14 CARRIES REPORT OF BONN CORR ANTON
RUPNIK ON ARRIVAL OF SLOZHENITSYN IN WEST GERMANY. RUPNIK NOTES
THAT SOLZHENITSYN HAS BECOME SYMBOL FOR THOSE WEST GERMANS WHO
OPPOSE DETENTE AND THAT IN VIEW SOME WG PRESS "SLOZHENITSYN
AFFAIR" MIGHT FURTHER
IMPAIR RELATION BETWEEN BONN AND MOSCOW, ALREADY STRAINED OVER
QUESTION OF FREE TRANSIT TO WEST BERLIN.

4. BELGRADE'S BORBA CARRIES (P.2) BRIEF TASS REPORT ON EXP-
ULSION OF SLOZHENITSYN. SIMILAR BRIEF ITEM CARRIED IN ZAGREB'S
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5. ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV REACTION TO EXPELLING OF
SLOZHENITSYN, SPECIAL "RED" TANJUG BULLETIN DISTRIBUTED ONLY TO
TOP GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LEADERS, TAKES FULL NOTICE OF SHARP
REACTION IN WESTERN PRESS TO NEWS OF SOVIET ACTION, WITH 10
FULL PAGES OF REPORTS FROM ZURICH (AP), STOCKHOLM (UPI), MOSCOW
(UPI, AFP), BRUSSELS (UPI), LONDON (REUTERS), ROME (AP)
AND EXCERPTS FROM NEW YORK TIME EDIT "DEAD SOULS"(AP).
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